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SUBJECT: ETHYLENE OXIDE PROJECT CONTRACT SIGNED; U.S; FIRM TO
PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT

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REFS: A) SOFIA A-45 OF 4/2/75; B) SOFIA A-37 OF 3/17/75

1. BULGARIAN PAPERS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT DURING VISIT OF FRENCH DELEGATION PYADED BY MINISTER FOREIGN TRADE NORBERT SEGARD TO BULGARIA MAY 28-30 TO SIGN FRANCO-BULGARIAN TEN-YEAR ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT, CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY FRENCH FIRM TECHNIP TO SUPPLY BULGARIA WITH COMPLETE PLANT FOR PRODUCTION OF ETHYLENE OXIDE. SIGNATBYIES TO CONTRACT WERE LOUIS PREDENT, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TECHNIP, AND GOSHO DZHAMBOV, FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN COMMIHDTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC REACTIONS AND DIRECTOR GENERAL TECHNOIMPORT.

2. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH SCIENTIFIC DESIGN COMPANY OFFICIALS SINCE ANNOUNCEMENTS, FRENCH COMMERCIAL ATTACHE HERE HAS INFORMED US THAT BRITISH SUBSIDIARY OF THIS NEW YORK-BASED FIRM WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN PROJECT. WE UNDERSTAND ALSO AN AUSTRIAN OR ITALIAN FIRM MAY BE INVOLVED. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY ROTES (SEE REFAIRS), TOTAL PROJECT IS WORTH \$40-50 MILLION.
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SCIENTIFIC DESIGN'S ROLE WOULD BE TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND LICENSE TECHNOLOGY AND KNOW-HOWHXILE EQUIPMENT FOR PLANT, WHICH IS TO BE BUILT NEAR BURGAS, WOULD COME FROM EUROPEAN SOURCES.

3. HARRY A. DENNIS, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF SCIENTIFIC
DESIGN IN NEW YORK CITY HAS CALLED ON EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY.
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION
ON PROJECT AND SCIENTIFIC DESIGN'S ROLE.
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